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Disposal of Flood-Deposited Sand and Debris on Farmland

Prior To Removing and Disposing Of Flood-Deposited Debris

1. Choose several possible disposal sites away from the stream. Choosing sites that are removed from the flood plain and wetlands will greatly shorten the approval time for the disposal site.
2. Contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) by phone or e-mail for approval of the disposal site. Please have the following references available when you call:
 - the legal description (Section-Tier-Range),
 - an aerial photo, and
 - the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wetland delineation for the property.

In most instances DNR staff can help landowners find an acceptable disposal site that will not significantly affect flood flows and may not require a flood plain permit. Permits from the Corps of Engineers will not be needed if the flood-deposited sand and debris are not returned to or placed in any water of the United States, including wetlands.

In most cases, the contact person can grant approval for a disposal site based on the initial phone call or email. For some cases, the contact person may determine that additional information needs to be submitted to either the DNR or the COE. In those cases, the landowner will usually need to submit an aerial photo of the site showing the following:

- the general area of the debris deposits,
- possible disposal sites, and
- a list of the type of material deposited (sand, gravel, woody debris, etc.).

The DNR will consider landowners' requests for assistance as high priority and will review them as quickly as possible.

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